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Fears Of Communist Crossing Revived Heavy Fighting For Loyang

Shanghai, Mar. 15. While crucial battles continued to rage in Manchuria, Honan and Shantung, the threat of large-scale fighting breaking out in one of the richest and most populous areas of China loomed today with the alerting of all Government forces along the Yangtse to prevent Communist attempts to cross to the south of this vital Central China river.

The Government's precautionary measure followed receipt of reports that the Communists have established "Central Headquarters" in Yencheng, about 200 miles north of the Kiangsu provincial capital of Chinkiang, preparatory to launching a drive to capture Yangtse ports and cross the river.

Nationalist defences at all strategic points along the Yangtse, including Chinkiang, which is situated some 30 miles north-west of Nanking, are being strengthened.

The battle for Loyang, in northwestern Honan, increased in intensity today as Nationalist reinforcements were rushed from Chengchow and went into action in support of the hard-pressed garrison.

London, Mar. 15. There was no hot water, no central heating and no lift service at Buckingham Palace, officials of the Royal Family today following the strike of assistant engineers employed by the Ministry of Works, who are demanding a wage increase.

The men struck yesterday at the Palace, both House of Parliament and other Government buildings in protest against a Treasury refusal to increase their present weekly wage of £4-17-6 to £5-10-0.

Fourteen assistant engineers failed to turn up for duty at the Palace.

The King and Queen were not in residence, but were expected back today after spending a week-end at Windsor Castle.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 15. Rear-Admiral M.H. Mansergh, 51, who has been Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty since February, 1946, is to command the new Third Aircraft Carrier Squadron.

The appointment will take effect in July, it was announced. The squadron will accompany the Home Fleet when it visits the West Indies in the autumn.—Reuter.

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INVITATION TO SPAIN

London, Mar. 15. The Foreign Office said today that a move to bring Spain into the Marshall Plan will be made at the Paris conference opening today.

Spain was not invited last summer to the conference in which 16 countries began working out a common plan for European recovery with American aid.—Associated Press.

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A Government spokesman said: "It is hoped to have the coins ready for circulation by the end of the year." No definite date can be given (wing to the pressure of work at the Mint in Britain).

The spokesman revealed that five and ten cent coins will first be put into circulation to be followed later by 50-cent coins.

Hong Kong's decision to re-introduce coin currency follows closely a similar decision made a short while back by the Singapore authorities.

Nationalist resistance at Szepingkai ended on Saturday after 11 days, and nights of severe fighting which left the Reds in complete possession of the city, pro-Government reports stated.

They claimed that every inch of ground the Reds took cost them a big price. They said all fortifications of the city were destroyed during the fighting, in which less than 10,000 Nationalists were killed.

Nationalist planes flying over Szepingkai as the Reds completed their conquest, alleged a big part of the city was in flames.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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Chinese press dispatches this morning reported the situation at Loyang, West Honan, as critical, indicating that its fall is imminent.

Meanwhile, independent reports said that the Communist armies had advanced closer to Changchun, the last Government stronghold in Manchuria.—Reuter-AAP.

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The majority of people who hold this opinion have been in Nanking recently to exchange views with Government leaders on the subject.

It is widely believed here that the Foreign Office, Control Board, has already drawn up a scheme allowing the use of private foreign exchange, but this has to be ratified by the Executive Yuan.

Meanwhile, with the object of gaining foreign exchange, the Central Trust, under instructions from the Executive Yuan, will shortly buy seven kinds of native products for export under the State-operated export programme. These products are tung oil, hog bristles, tea, soy beans, eggs, products, wool and raw silk.

The localities where these products are to be made are temporarily confined to Shanghai, Canton and Yunnan.

Bags And Bags



Bags for the mails of China piled up on the wharf ready for despatch, scores of postal bags indicate the volume of traffic the Hong Kong Post Office is handling these days. (China Mail Photo).

Dramatic Iceland Rescue

Reykjavik, Mar. 15. Four survivors on the wrecked British trawler Spine were snatched from death last night by Icelanders working in the teeth of a gale. A fifth man, washed from his refuge in the rigging, was dragged out of the surf alive.

The remainder of the crew of 10 are feared to have perished. The rescue of the four men by breeches buoy came some 24 hours after the Icelandic sea dogs began with the grounding of the Spine of Grimsby, near Driftvik.

Faced by towering cliffs and lashed by a full gale and heavy rain, the crew roped themselves to the rigging. Founding seas tore away the bridge. Another Grimsby trawler, the "Spurs," and an Icelandic motor vessel made vain attempts at rescue.

A life saving party raced to the desolate coast line and hour after hour they strove to fire a line aboard the trawler held fast on the rock off the shore.

Nine seamen were seen clinging to the wreck when operations began. Two lost their hold, trying to secure the line and were washed away. When at last the line was made fast, four men were pulled ashore, their clothes ripped off by waves.—Reuter.

SUN FO ATTACKS REDS

Dream Of Peace Shattered

Nanking, Mar. 15. "The dream of the democracies to live in peace and freedom through rapprochement with the Soviet Union is now shattered as the Western European countries are straining hard to ward off further Soviet expansion following the Communist domination of Czechoslovakia," Vice-President Sun Fo said here today.

Dr. Sun predicted that the Paris conference of 16 European nations opening today would attain "some measure of achievement" but stated that the barrier between the Eastern and the Western blocs "still remains in sharp relief."

He indicated that it was just as well that Mr. George Marshall had failed to establish a coalition Government in China including the Communists, stating that "they would not have contented themselves with mere participation in the Government with their avowed aim to bring the whole of China under Communist influence."

"I always thought when I was in Russia that for reasons of its own security the Soviet Union's suspicions and precautions against other countries were within reasonable limits," he added.

"But after the last war I came to realise that the Soviet policy of expansion in effect represents an attempt to dominate the whole world."

"Half of Eastern Europe has been turned into a Communist world today with the help of Russian military strength."

Port Arthur. "Where its military strength cannot reach, assistance is extended to Communist parties in these countries to enable them to participate in the Government through so-called legitimate methods."

Then, when the opportune moment arrives, a swift coup is administered to seize power as was the case in Czechoslovakia."

Commenting upon the popular request for the return of Port Arthur and Dairen, Dr. Sun said such demands must be backed up by "actual strength."

He deplored futile attempts by the Chinese Government to urge Russia to observe treaty obligations and predicted that the present state of affairs would continue indefinitely.—Reuter-AAP.

New York, Mar. 15. Leading Time Magazine's British section, this week is the single sentence: "Although not officially announced, it was definitely learned from London last week that the Princess Elizabeth is pregnant."

The item was captioned "Court News."

In London, accessible court sources declined to comment on the report.

Recently, however, persons close to the Royal household described recurrent rumours that the Princess was pregnant as "idle talk" and "sheep snuggles."

"It should be obvious that the Princess would not be undertaking a strenuous spring and early summer schedule involving many public appearances and considerable travelling about the country if she were expecting a child," they said.

Elizabeth's announced public engagements run virtually to the end of June.—Associated Press.

REAR-ADMIRAL TO DIE

The first Japanese war criminal sentenced to death by the Australian war crimes court in Hong Kong is to be executed this morning at Stanley.

He is Rear-Admiral Tamura Ryukichi, sentenced to death on Dec. 17 for the massacre of Australian internees by strangling at Kariang, New Ireland.

WATER AUTHORITY WARNING

Attention is invited to a notice by the Water Authority imposing further restrictions in the supply of water as from March 18, 1948. Until further notice water will only be available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. and from 4.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The present consumption of water is about 20 million gallons a day which is a higher rate for this period of the year than at any time since the re-occupation of the Colony, whilst the water stored in the supply reservoirs is less than at any similar period.

Should the rains which are required to replenish the reservoirs fail to arrive later than usual, it may be necessary to impose even more restrictions. The public can do much to avert such a necessity by endeavouring to avoid using water unnecessarily.

Householders are requested to ensure that all taps and water fittings in their premises are not allowing water to run to waste and are asked to telephone Complaints Waterworks Office (Tel. 3942) for the Island and 5049 for Kowloon) in any case where they observe mains water being wasted.

AIR MARSHAL RETIRING

London, Mar. 15. Air Chief Marshal Sir Roderic Hill, 54, will retire from the Royal Air Force in June on the termination of his present appointment as a member of the Council for technical advice.

Announcing this, the Air Ministry added that the name of his successor will be given shortly.

Sir Roderic has occupied his present post since January, 1947, and has been a member of the Council for technical advice since 1944.

He was among the first to experiment with radio-telephone receivers in the air.—Reuter.

Conscription Plan In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 15. The local Garrison Command has asked the Government to reinforce guards on the two main railways linking Shanghai with the hinterland—the Shanghai-Nanking and the Shanghai-Hangchow lines.

The request was made after a military conference held during the week-end, which decided, among other things, to map out an overall plan for the protection of the two railways.

Meanwhile, Shanghai is to begin conscription of 6,000 youths between 21 and 23. This will be done as from Tuesday week by the drawing of lots.

In order to ensure the success of the project, all persons of conscription age are forbidden to leave the city from now until the end of June—the deadline for the current conscription. Those who have to leave the city for legitimate reasons are required to provide a guarantee regarding their return within a specified time.

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Mr. B. Africa, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Philippine Republic, is due in Hong Kong today from Colombo, where he represented the Philippines at the Ceylon independence celebrations. Mr. Africa is leaving for Manila by the first available boat.

The wedding of Lieut. Col. John Russell Filmer-Bennett, Murray Barracks, and Henriette Eleanor Anderson, Bishop's House, Shatin, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Mr. J. A. Stricker and Mrs. V. Stricker.

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Peninsula Hotel arrivals: D.E. Stephens, Mrs. N. Semitt, B.F.C. Lamb, E.O. Bruce, Cowen, A. McIntyre, E.H. Jacob-Laskom and A.E. David.

Peninsula departures: Mr. and Mrs. D.L. McWhirter, Mrs. H.C. Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Smith, Mrs. L.R. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Southin, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Kleinert, Mr. and Mrs. Skott, A. Clement and J.L. Mount.

The Hon. D.F. Landale and Mrs. Landale returned to the Colony from Singapore by H.O.A.C. flying boat during the week-end. Others aboard the aircraft were Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Harris, Dr. Stewart, Col. A.I. Gadd, Major A.C. Yeates, Mr. and Mrs. Aurrell, Messrs. Flith, Low Yin, Lee, J.M. Neam, M. Uytendhout, Corlison Lin and Price.

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Reminders

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Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Building, 4.15 p.m.
Concert by Lamson Huang in aid of Seventh Adventist Church, St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8.30 p.m.
St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong Annual Dinner, "The Grille", H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Musical Lecture by Rev. Clifford Davis, Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m.
Rotary Club Luncheon (closed meeting), Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Annual Sports: Vernacular Senior Middle School, at S.C.A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, prize distribution by Mrs. Li King-hong at 12.30 p.m.

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Court Rejection Of Application

An application for an order that the distraint levied by Mak King-hang trading as Yuet Hung Co. against The South China Practical Automobile Institute in respect of 205-211 Nathan Road, Kowloon, was wrongful and should be discharged, was refused by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) yesterday.

Mr. F. Zimmern appeared for Mak King-hang while Mr. Alfred Hon represented The South China Practical Automobile Institute.

In the course of his submissions on behalf of defendants, Mr. Hon said that on Dec. 17, 1946, defendants who were led to believe that plaintiff was the principal tenant of the piece of vacant land known as 205-211 Nathan Road, Kowloon, took up a lease thereof from plaintiff at the monthly rental of \$1,100. Thereafter, defendants continued to pay this monthly rental to plaintiff until Aug. 1947. They stopped paying rent as from Sept. 1947 because they were served with an application, issued by Messrs. Deacons on behalf of Tsui Yung-lee, in this application, it was stated that the defendants occupied the land, or portion thereof, without the consent or permission of the owner, Tsui Yung-lee, who had not received any rent.

Difficult Position

Mr. Hon said that as a result of this application, he called upon plaintiff to visit him. At an interview held at his, Mr. Hon's office, the plaintiff and defendants agreed that rent should not be paid to plaintiff, but should be kept in Mr. Hon's office or sent to Messrs. Deacons.

Continuing, Mr. Hon said that defendants were placed in a very difficult position. If they continued to pay rent to the plaintiff and the Tenancy Tribunal, on the application filed by Tsui Yung-lee, held against defendants, the latter would have to pay mesne profits. It was not a case where defendants had deliberately refused to pay rent. Defendants were merely asking that they not be called upon to pay rent twice.

No Merits

Replying, Mr. Zimmern submitted that the application had no merits, either on law or on the facts. He accepted the whole of the affidavit which had been filed by defendants, except that part which said that the plaintiff "had promised not to collect rent pending the result of the summons." That was the only fact which he disputed. If there was such a promise, there was no consideration for it and as a result, it was not binding.

It was quite clear, on the law, the plaintiff should not be deprived of the right to collect rent from the defendants merely because an application had been made against them under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. Plaintiff had been asked to give evidence at the hearing before the Tenancy Tribunal and had agreed to do so.

Mr. Zimmern submitted that the relationship of landlord and tenant existed between plaintiff and defendants, who were, on the authorities, estopped from denying plaintiff's title. In conclusion, Mr. Zimmern emphatically denied that plaintiff made any promise to Mr. Hon or defendants not to collect rent. Refusing the application, Mr. Justice Williams fixed the costs to be paid by defendants at \$75.

American-Chinese Heavily Fined

Louie Benjamin, 24-year-old American-Chinese, was fined \$1,000 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to the possession of a revolver and 237 rounds of ammunition at K.C.R. on March 14.

Inspector T. J. Hemsley said that at 9.30 a.m. on March 14 defendant was about to catch the 10.05 a.m. train for Canton when he was stopped by Patrol Searcher 110.

On his luggage being searched, the arm and ammunition were found concealed in the false bottom of a box. The box was found to contain a revolver and 237 rounds of ammunition.

Obituary

Alexander Kurrik

Mr. Alexander Kurrik, an old resident of the Colony, died yesterday morning at the Kowloon Hospital after an illness of more than three months. He was 63 years of age.

The late Mr. Kurrik had been on staff of the Government Laboratory since 1933. He held the rank of Assistant Government Chemist. A native of Estonia, he took his degree in Chemical Science at the University of Dorpat in Estonia.

He was for some years before the First World War a lecturer in Chemistry. He held a commission in the Imperial Russian Army in the 1914-18 war and remained in military service with the Imperial Army in the revolutionary war that followed.

Making his way into China with the collapse of the anti-revolutionary front, he held various positions in Manchuria and North China. He was appointed Adviser in Industrial Chemistry to the Kwangsi Provincial Government.

The late Mr. Kurrik was one of the older members of the Kowloon Cricket Club. A keen chess player, he was also a member for many years of the Kowloon Chess Club and had been Honorary Secretary of the Club since 1935.

He was a regular competitor in local chess tournaments before the war, placing second in the Club Championship in 1939 and being for second and third place in 1940. His best performance in the Colony Championship came in 1939 when he placed third.

An indefatigable worker in the cause of chess, his loss will be keenly felt by the local chess fraternity. The Kowloon Chess Club will be closed this evening and tournament games in the Colony Championship that were to have been played today have been postponed to the end of the tournament session on March 30.

The late Mr. Kurrik is survived by his widow and daughter, who were evacuated to Sydney in July, 1940, and did not return here after the war. Mr. Kurrik was due to retire from the Government Service and had planned to settle in Australia. He leaves also several sisters in Estonia, one of whom held the post of Curator of the Estonian National Museum and is a leading authority on the history of Estonia.

Mother's Plea For Son Fails

"He has never done anything like this before. Give him a chance. Your Worship," pleaded the mother of Ng Ha (25), unemployed, who was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on four counts of burglary.

"It might be his first appearance in Court, but he has committed four crimes and I must take a very serious view of the case," said the Magistrate when he passed sentence totalling three years' hard labour on defendant.

Ng was charged with breaking into 15 Pitt Street, ground floor, on Nov. 24 last and stealing a radio-set and clothing to the value of \$100 from Lai Yin, breaking into 565 Canton Road, ground floor, on the same night and stealing two hair-dryers, three hair-clipper, four open razors, three pairs of scissors, a lady's dress, a pair of shoes, a suit of Chinese clothes, and \$80 in cash, from Kwong Mul.

On Nov. 3 last he broke into 109 Parkes Street and stole a radio-set, a lady's overcoat, a jacket, a hair-dryer, three open razors, a pair of hair-clipper, three pairs of scissors, valued at \$166, from Mak Shing; and on Feb. 26, he stole 195 packets of cigarettes and two fountain pens from Chan Wai at 88 Temple Street, ground floor.

Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison said that defendant broke the front door of the first address with an iron bar. The radio-set and a blanket were recovered. He used the same method in his second burglary. Only two hair-dryers were recovered by the Police.

In the third case, said Det. Morrison, defendant climbed over the back wall and entered by the open kitchen door. The lady's overcoat was recovered. None of the stolen property in the fourth charge was recovered. Defendant, in this crime, also broke open the front door.

Chinese P.M.G. In Hong Kong

The Chinese Director-General of Posts, Mr. Fok Sik-cheung, is visiting Hong Kong on his way to Berne, Switzerland, where he will assume on behalf of China one of the vice-presidencies of the Executive Committee of the Universal Postal Union.

This is the first time that China has been elected to office in the Postal Union. Mr. Fok is not only controlling executive of the Chinese Postal Administration but also has 37 years' practical experience in the department and is considered eminently suited for the new position.

After having gone through eight years of disruption from Japanese aggression, the Chinese Post Office is, among the outstanding administration in China. Under the initiative and driving power of the Minister of Communications, Mr. Yu Ta-wel, transmitted by Mr. Fok, the administration has made successful efforts since the war to restore and even increase its former efficiency.

The Executive Committee of the Universal Postal Union was created after the war to act as a link between the Union and the Chinese Post Office.

A cocktail party in honour of Mr. Fok was given by the Chinese Postal Bank at the Hong Kong Hotel cafeteria last night. The manager, Mr. K. C. Tsang, and Mrs. Tsang, were host and hostess to a large gathering of British, Chinese and foreign representatives.

Bank Annual Meeting

A net profit of \$1,255,145.13 for the year ended Dec. 31, 1947, was reported at the annual general meeting of the Bank of Canton Ltd. held in the Bank board room yesterday afternoon.

The Chairman, Mr. Huo Pao-tai, told shareholders that the Bank had on the whole a satisfactory year of business, following which the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Dividends of 8% on First Preference Shares for 1947; 4% on Second Preference Shares for 4 years from 1944 to 1947; 4% on Ordinary Shares for 1947; and an additional 2% to First Preference Shareholders in respect of 1947, were declared.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors of the Bank.

Kowloon Premises Possession Case

An action by Chan Yim, plaintiff, against Lai Chu, defendant, for possession of the front portion of the ground floor of 219 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, resulted in Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), before whom the case was heard yesterday, returning a verdict in favour of the defendant, with costs.

Mr. A.S.K. Lau appeared for the plaintiff, while defendant was represented by Mr. C.A.S. Russ.

Plaintiff claimed to be legal tenant of the premises and alleged that defendant had committed a trespass on the front portion of such premises without his consent.

On Oct. 22, 1947, plaintiff, through Mr. A.S.K. Lau, gave notice to defendant to quit and deliver up possession. The defendant failed to comply and still remained in occupation.

The plaintiff therefore applied for an order that defendant be ejected from the premises and also pay damages, not exceeding \$1,000.

Defendant denied that plaintiff was the legal sole tenant of the premises. She claimed to be a co-tenant with plaintiff and denied that she was a trespasser. Defendant also claimed that she was the original tenant of the premises, but entered into partnership with the plaintiff on Jan. 15, 1946, in a tailoring business on the premises. The partnership was determined on Oct. 3, 1946, where by plaintiff retired, leaving defendant as the continuing partner to carry on the business in the premises.

STONECUTTERS' AMMO THEFT

The theft of 244 boxes (containing 86,790 rounds) of 38 revolver ammunition and 480 rounds of .455 revolver ammunition from Stonecutters Island on Feb. 9 had, as the sequel, the appearance of two batmen before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with the larceny.

Li Yau (20), living on board boat 3341, and Li Fuk-chuen (35), living on board boat 3354, were, on the application of Det. Sub-Inspector W.B. Scragg, remanded for three days in custody.

Refused To Leave Ferry

When in school, 19-year-old Wong Sal-kau learns the proverb "More haste less speed" on paper. But yesterday at Central Magistracy Mr. F. X. d'Almada taught him in the practical way.

Charged with evading ferry fare, Wong was fined \$20.

Chan Shin, gateman of the Yau-mat Vehicular Ferry, told the Court that defendant got into the Exit entrance and refused to leave. When asked whether he had bought any ticket, defendant said no.

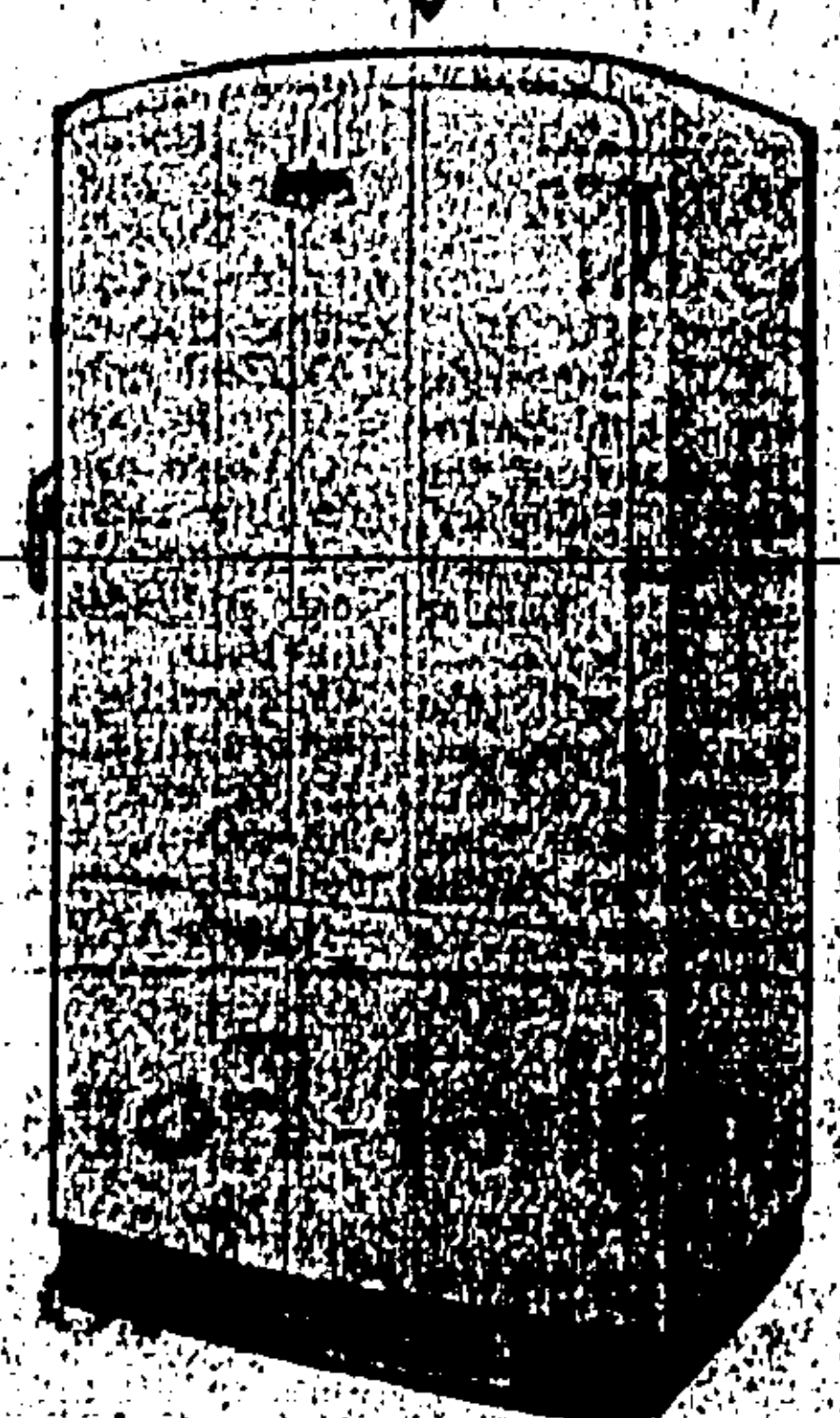
Ng Por, Ferry Inspector, said at 2.50 p.m. on March 14 he saw Wong inside the entrance without fare. Defendant should have entered by the turnstile and not by the Exit entrance.

Wong, asserting that he seldom crossed the harbour because he was busy with his studies, said that he followed another man into the entrance. He had his fare ready in his hand and as he was in a hurry to go to a hospital he told the gateman that he would pay extra fare if he could board the ferry launch which was getting ready to leave the pier. The man refused to accept the money and caught hold of him by the coat, defendant alleged. The Magistrate declared that he was satisfied on the evidence that defendant was guilty.

On the application of Det. Inspector J. M. Forrest, Choi Cheung (31) was remanded for three days by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on charge of burglary at 893 Canton Road on March 10.

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Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-
nesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the
Report of the Board of Direc-
tors and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the thirty-ninth Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Office of
Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
8rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building, on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 6th March, 1948 to the 19th
March, 1948 both days inclu-
sive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
25th February, 1948.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.**TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will
be held at the Company's office,
4th Floor, P & O Building, on
Thursday, the 18th day of
March 1948 at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Board of Directors
together with the Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December 1947, and to
elect Directors and appoint
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
6th March to the 18th March
1948, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
GIBB, LIVINGSTON &
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Hongkong, 21st February, 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and En-
try Forms for the Easter Race
Meeting to be held on Saturday
27th and Monday 29th March
1948 (weather permitting) may
be obtained at the Secretary's
Office, Exchange Building; the
Club House, Happy Valley; and
the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
NOON on Thursday, 18th
March 1948.

By Order,
S.A. Sleep
Actg. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**Australian Subscription Ponies 1949.**

The Stewards have ordered a
batch of Australian Subscrip-
tion ponies to race in 1949 and
they now invite Members to
subscribe for them.

The Subscription List will
close with Wednesday, 17th
March, 1948.

Application forms may be
obtained at the Secretary's
Office, 1st Floor, Exchange
Building.

By Order,
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Actg. Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

NOTICE**THE HONGKONG CLUB**

Notice is hereby given that
owing to official arrangements
made in connection with the
visit to the Colony of Lord
Listowel, the Annual General
Meeting of the Hongkong Club
convened for Tuesday the 23rd
day of March 1948 at 5.30 p.m.,
has been postponed to
Tuesday the 30th day of
March 1948 at the Club House
at 5.30 p.m. AND Notice is
further given that the Extraor-
dinary General Meeting to be
held at 6 o'clock on Tuesday
the 23rd day of March 1948 of
which notice has already been
given to members will be held
in accordance with the said
notice but that at such meeting
if a quorum be present it will
be proposed that the meeting
be adjourned to Tuesday the
30th day of March 1948 at the
same time and place as pre-
viously notified. If no quorum
be present at the Extraor-
dinary General Meeting it will
stand adjourned to Tuesday the
30th day of March 1948 at the
same time and place as pre-
viously notified pursuant to
Article 62 of the Club's Ar-
ticles of Association.

By Order of the Committee,
K.W. KIRBY
Secretary.
Monday, 15th March, 1948.

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sociation is being made, and a
meeting will be held at the
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1. ARRIVAL:

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will arrive at Queen's Pier at
approximately 3.45 p.m.

2. CLOSED ROADS:

The following roads will be
closed to vehicular traffic from
2.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. approx-
imately.

A. Connaught Road Central
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ing to junction with Jack-
son Road, northwest corner of
Hong Kong Club.

B. Wardley Street at its junction
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Central will be closed to
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C. Jackson Road between
Chater Road and Con-
naught Road Central.

3. ONE-WAY ROAD:

Ice House Street between Des
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bound traffic.

4. CAR PARKS:

NO PARKING of cars will
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tween Pedder Street and Ice
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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Date: 16th March, 1948.

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working persons in Britain, regardless of
rank, means or age.

The scheme will function almost in its entirety
from June 5. Some sections, including old age
pensions giving a man and his wife £2 2s. 0d.
per week and children's allowances of five
shillings per week, are already in force.

The scheme is the Labour
Government's application of the
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8 and docked at Chang Kai
wharf yesterday at 4.00 p.m.

This shipment was packed in
101 cases and consist of Japan-
ese-made and German-made
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ment. Another 115 cases are
expected to arrive here early
next week.

A spokesman of the Japan-
ese Reparation Committee of
the Executive Yuan revealed
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UNEASY LULL IN PALESTINE Intense Arab Activity: Planning New Moves

Violent Battle In Gaza Area

London, Mar. 14.

Intense week-end activity in the seven capitals of the Arab League States indicated tonight that the Arabs were planning important new moves in Palestine, while an uneasy lull pervaded the Holy Land.

All reports from the Middle East in the past 24 hours strengthened the belief that significant decisions were about to be taken. The most important move was the recall of Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League, to Cairo from his mission of mediation in the Yemen dispute.

His task is to put the Arab case before the United Nations at Lake Success, but he was authoritatively stated to be returning to Cairo at once.

A special delegation has arrived in Baghdad bearing a top-secret letter, the subject of which has not been indicated, for the Iraqi Regent, Abdullah, from King Farouk of Egypt.

Reinforcements for the Arab forces were reported from The Lebanon, Beirut, where 77 Albanians, 27 Yugoslavs and 21 Croats arrived from Italy on Saturday night.

The last evidence received at Lake Success by the United Nations Palestine Commission before their Sunday recess was a Jewish Agency memorandum stating that the Palestine problem would never have become a "major military issue" without the intervention of foreign governments.

Evacuation

The Commission will hand its second monthly report to the President of the Security Council tomorrow.

The United States, France, China and Russia will meet tomorrow evening in the offices of the Chinese delegation at Lake Success to discuss Palestine.

General Sir John Crocker, the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, arrived in Haifa yesterday for talks on the British evacuation of Palestine. It was authoritatively reported.

Arab Target?

Jewish settlements along the Jordan River just south of the Galilee appeared to be the first target of Arab armies when they begin operations, informed sources disclosed.

Fawzi Kaoukbi said the Yarmuk armies have not yet begun operations. But when move-

ments really get under way, sources in Jerusalem believe, they will start between Galilee and the Arab town of Belas where Saul was butchered and his beheaded body nailed to a wall.

Greater security measures have been invoked in all Arab towns in this vicinity. Fawzi's mountain top headquarters are now guarded more closely, all persons being stopped at least a mile from the village.

All cars, including those of Nabulsi Arabs, are now diverted into a guarded compound for searching before being allowed to enter the city.

Thirty-seven Arabs were killed and 40 wounded in a 24-hour battle around the Jewish colony of Gath, in the Gaza area, southern Palestine, unofficial Jewish sources claimed tonight.

These sources said that seven Jews were killed and four wounded.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Western Union To Seek US Guarantee?

London, Mar. 14.

Europe's newly created Western alliance may soon seek firm guarantees of United States military support in the event it is called upon to fight in self-defence.

Responsible diplomatic officials said the five countries in the pact—Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—agreed at Brussels upon collective action against any aggressor only after they had thrashed out among themselves the possible American position.

The five delegations concurred in the belief that United States diplomatic policy, regardless of party, is now committed to active participation in European affairs.

The five delegations completed the pact at Brussels on Friday. It is to be signed by the five Foreign Ministers on Wednesday. Diplomats in the negotiations at Brussels are, however, reported

to want more than an assurance of American interest in European affairs. They want an assurance that the United States will step in swiftly and forcibly if trouble comes.

Their reported attitude is that a definite on-the-record assurance would be a powerful deterrent to any aggressor.—Associated Press.

TOP SECRET

Baghdad, Mar. 14.

Mohamed Yousfi, head of the political office of the Cairo police, arrived here today as one of a special delegation carrying a top secret letter to the Iraqi Regent, Abdullah, from King Farouk of Egypt. It was reliably understood.

A second member of the delegation, Karim Thabit, press adviser at the Egyptian Royal Palace, is expected later today.—Reuter.

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Finland To Exchange Letters

Moscow, Mar. 14.

Tass says President Juho Kusti Kallio has written Prime Minister Josef Stalin that Finnish Parliamentary groups have expressed double relative to a Finnish-Russian military alliance.

The Soviet news agency's dispatch today said Kallio and Stalin agreed in an exchange of letters to negotiations on a "friendship treaty." The talks will be held in Moscow.—Associated Press.

Javanese Seaman Amok

San Francisco, Mar. 14.

A Javanese seaman ran amok on the Dutch motorship Japara en route to Manila and stabbed the captain, third mate and steward before he was subdued, the Coast Guard reported today.

The ship was 275 miles out-bound from San Francisco when the incidents occurred. She turned back and is due to dock here this morning.

The Coast Guard said the ship had radioed that the steward was seriously wounded but that the captain and third mate are not seriously injured.—Associated Press.

Thousands Visit Grave Of Masaryk

Lany, Mar. 14.

A procession of thousands visited the grave of Jan Masaryk at Lany today. Many were friends not admitted to the small official burial services yesterday.

Cars lined up for miles along the road from Prague to Lany and traffic inched along.

There were no special ceremonies at the grave today. Crowds pressed into the tiny cemetery and pushed silently past the newly-covered grave. The late Foreign Minister lies behind his father and mother. The family plot was again covered with mountains of fresh flowers.

Thousands of visitors came on foot from villages within a 25-mile radius of Lany, over roads and across fields. Most of the pilgrims were elderly or very young.

Those who came by car had to park up to a mile from the cemetery and walk the rest of the way. Added traffic police were on duty in the town.

The sun was bright throughout the day.—United Press.

MacArthur Relents

Tokyo, Mar. 14.

Stories from America with an anti-MacArthur flavour are clearing Allied censors in quantity and without difficulty today.

Last night Gen. MacArthur directed that the Japanese press be permitted to carry any American political attacks against him.

The censors also passed Tokyo dispatches which gave accounts of the previous censorship of some of the anti-MacArthur comments received here and which the Japanese press and radio had been prohibited from carrying.—United Press.

PUBLIC SPANKING

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

Five ruffians, caught posing as military servicemen and forcing their way into local theatres without tickets, were publicly spanked in front of the theatres today by order of the Shanghai garrison.

They were taken to the China Theatre, the Strand Theatre and spanked 50 times with a wooden board.—Reuter.

Newspaper Offices Ransacked

Rangoon, Mar. 14.

Representatives of leading Burmese press associations have called on U. Kyau Nyein, Minister for Home Affairs, asking for damages to be paid by the Government for the ransacking of three newspaper offices on Friday.

They asked the Home Minister to take drastic legal action. Thousands of Burmese peasants, including women, went to the offices on Friday, and protested against what they called "the scandalous reports" about Thakin Tin, the Minister of Agriculture and head of the peasants organisation.—Reuter.

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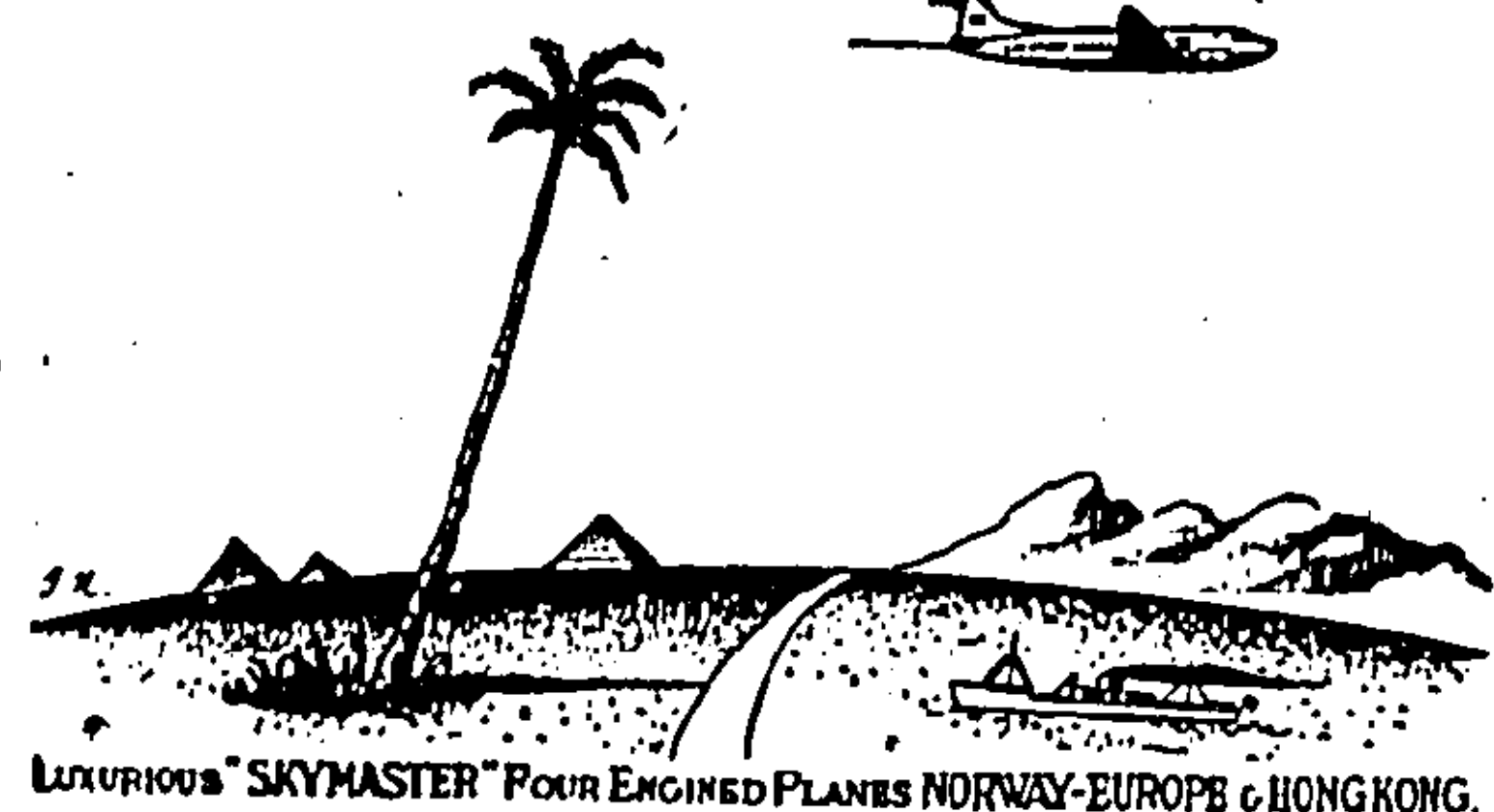
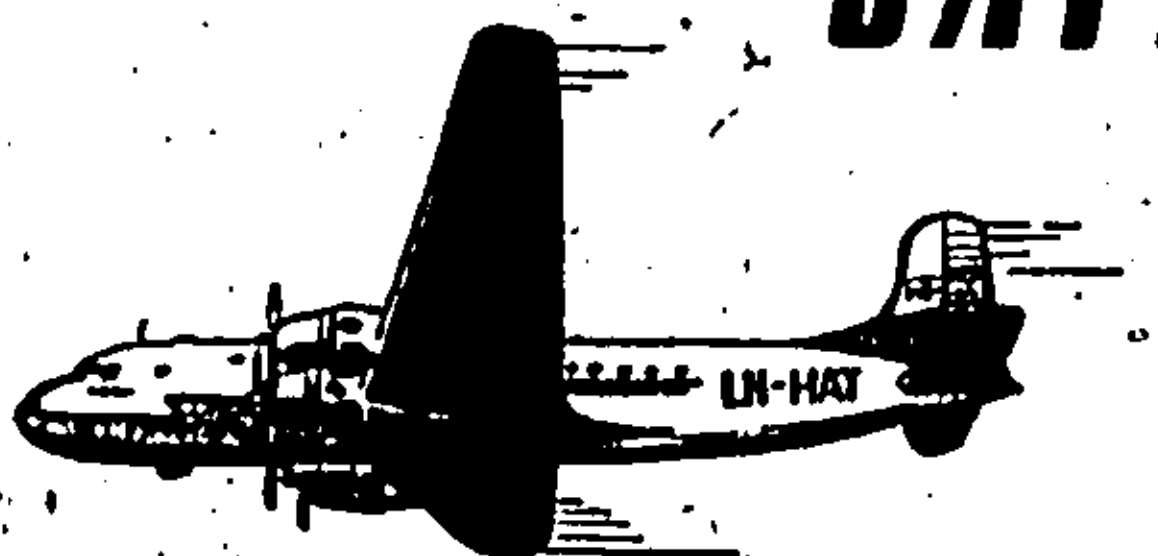
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U.S. MAY FORCE ISSUE Bring Czechoslovakia Coup Before UNO

Direct Clash With Russia Possible

Lake Success, Mar. 14.

The United States was reported on Sunday to be ready to vote for a United Nations review of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. Informed sources said that the United States decision was taken with the full knowledge that it might bring the Security Council its most serious crisis to date.

The Soviet delegation has been grudgingly silent on the issue but no delegate doubts that Russia will fight bitterly to bar a Council debate on the Czechoslovakia issue.

The first test will come on Wednesday, when the Council is due to decide whether it will admit to its agenda Chile's demands for an investigation of Russia's part in the coup.

The Chilean delegate, Herman Santa Cruz, made his demand on Friday but the issue is so serious that no delegate will comment until he has received instructions from his Government.

Another Clash?

The American decision was taken after consultations between Warren Austin, U.S. chief delegate and the State Department.

In effect it means only that the United States believes Chile's proposal is entitled to a full hearing. It does not commit the United States to support any specific Council action.

The Czechoslovak question may induce another clash of the kind that precipitated Andrei Gromyko's walkout on the question of admitting the Iranian case to the Council's agenda.

Russia felt so strongly about that issue that Soviet deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko staged his famous walkout.

No Veto

He refused to participate in the Council's subsequent Iranian debate. The Czechoslovak situation was "still a war of influence—not a military war."—Reuter.

Communist Intrigue In Austria

Vienna, Mar. 14.

Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schaerf said today that the Communists were planning to launch a huge propaganda campaign soon in an attempt to make Austria go the way of Czechoslovakia.

Schaerf, chairman of the Austrian Socialist Party, said he had been informed that the campaign would be waged with posters inviting Austrians to let the Communists lead them toward the "end of reaction, prosperity for the working class and end of the black market."

He said the campaign would be waged despite the fact that Communism had suffered a "terrible setback" in Austria. The Government has purged most Communists from non-elective posts within the Federation of Labour and the move "has created for the Communists their saddest situation ever experienced to date."

He said the Communists fomented strikes by 20,000 workers during the last two weeks as a demonstration of "molestation" to the Government, but, he added, the Government did not scare so easily. He said the Government refrained from ousting 60 Communist Mayors in the Russian zone, who had been put in office through Russian pressure, rather than by election, because it feared the Russians might take reprisals against replacements.

If given time to set up an army of 50,000 men before the Allies left, he continued, his Government would be able to cope with infiltrations of partisans. He said his country probably would ask for a revised Allied control agreement, under which the French and British Governments would adopt the American "pay as you go" policy for their troops if the London treaty talks remained at stalemate.—United Press.

Quake Recorded

Sydney, Mar. 15.

The Riverview Observatory at Sydney on Sunday recorded an earthquake in the vicinity of Guam, 1,300 miles northwest of Sydney.

The Director of the Observatory, Rev. D. O'Connell, said the quake, which lasted two hours, was believed to have occurred about 100 miles below the surface of the earth. No damage was done.—Associated Press.

CHINA WANTS BACK DAIREN

Nanking, Mar. 14.

The committee of the People's Political Council today adopted a resolution urging the government to negotiate with Russia for the immediate return of Dairen and Port Arthur to China. The committee also urged the government to demand that the Soviet Government should return to China the property of Chinese citizens and firms which was seized during the Japanese occupation.—Reuter.

It Can Happen Anywhere

Sydney, Mar. 14.

Saying that "what happened in Czechoslovakia could happen in Australia," the deputy leader of the Australian Commonwealth Opposition, Mr. E. J. Harrison, tonight urged a Royal Commission to inquire into Communist activities.

There was evidence of international spying activities throughout Australia, Mr. Harrison said. He listed 10 major unions, which, he declared, were Communist-controlled, and added that Communist "cells existed in both Commonwealth and State public services."—Reuter.

Too Much Senseless Talk Of War

Sydney, Mar. 15.

World-wide rumour of war with Russia are without foundation because none of the great powers is in a position to wage war, said the prominent atomic research scientist, Professor M. L. Oliphant, yesterday.

With three other well-known scientists, Sir Howard Florey, Professor Raymond Firth and Sir Ben Lockspeiser, Professor Oliphant arrived in Sydney by air from London yesterday.

He said it would be between five and 10 years before Russia could be considered an atomic nation in a military sense.

There is too much senseless talk about war at the moment and nations should get together to eliminate such adverse propaganda, he added.—Associated Press.

Famed Lady Of The Manor Passes

London, Mar. 14.

Excited villagers at Sinnington, Yorkshire, disclosed today that their mysterious Lady of the Manor died on Thursday in her 20-room mansion, taking the secret of her solitude with her.

Twenty-five years ago, Miss Hilda Kendal, then 19, closed the shutters of Sinnington Hall, bolted the gates and doors and withdrew from a world which had known her as the eccentric member of a wealthy sporting family.

The mansion and grounds remained untouched. Cobwebs clouded the windows. Inside the locked garage was an American automobile of 1907, a manufacture worth an estimated \$1,500 sterling.

The mysterious spinster emerged from the cluttered dusty house only at night. Villagers said she invariably headed for the Nun's Walk adjoining the mansion and paced up and down silently in the moonlight.

Four hundred years earlier, one of Henry VIII's wives, Katherine Parr, was confined to the same nursery and often took the same walk at night.

Miss Kendal's secret was reported to be tied with up her brother William, an evangelist who left her in the mansion and emigrated to the United States. He was said to have returned later with a negro evangelist, but apparently did not live with his sister.—United Press.

Red Leader Killed

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

Another Communist guerrilla leader has been killed by Government troops in the environs of Shanghai.

According to a Garrison Command source, Chow Chih-min, who had been terrorizing the countryside around Shanghai, was killed in a bomb explosion last Wednesday at a point about 50 miles west of this city and his head was later cut off and exhibited in various villages.—Reuter.

Heavy Battles In Greece Predicted

Washington, Mar. 14.

American officials are convinced the Soviet-Balkan bloc is getting ready to meet the Greek army's spring offensive with stronger backing of the guerrillas. Their belief is based on two developments:

1—New arms already are being sent to the guerrillas from across the border from the Balkans.

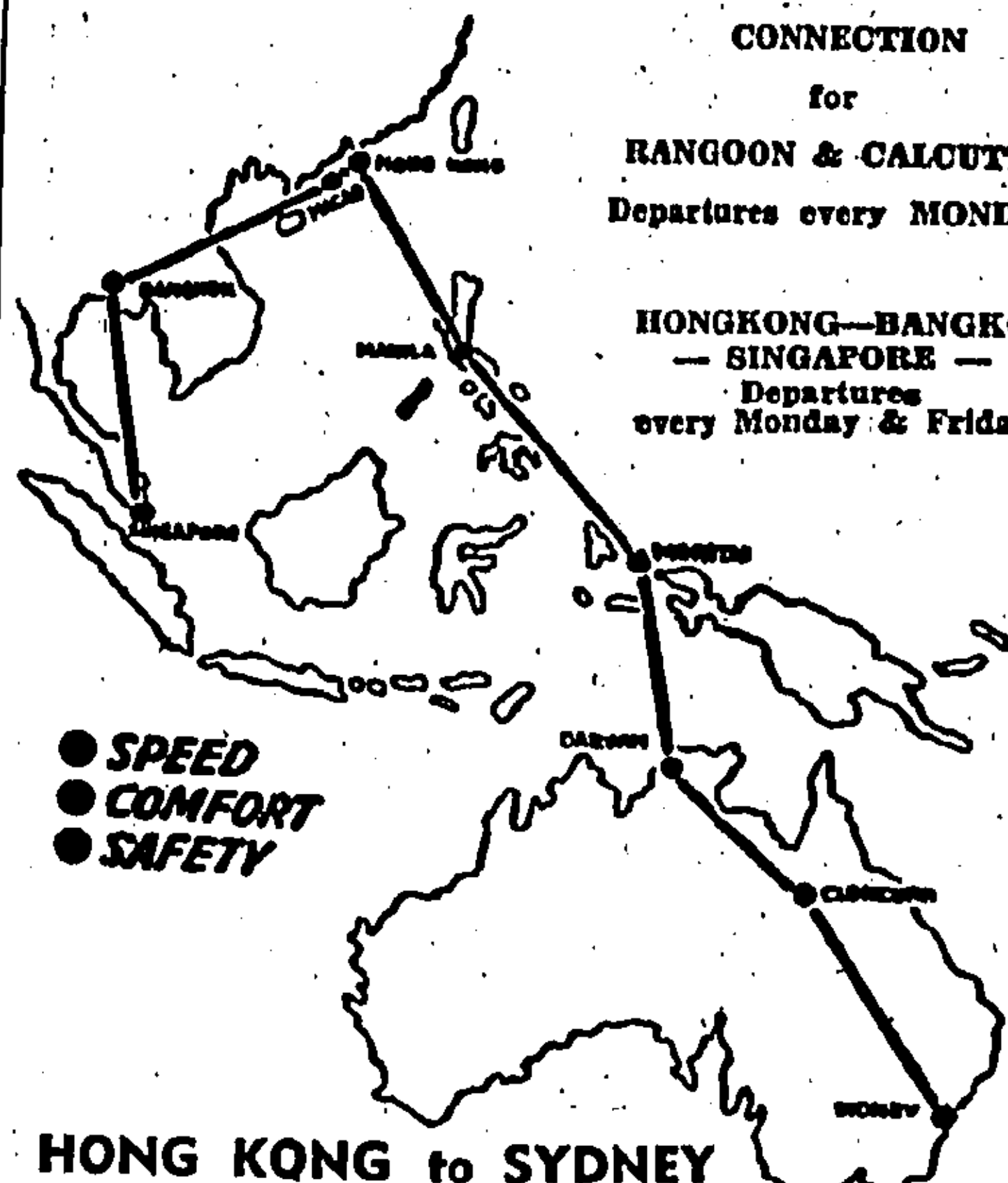
2—Official reports tell of an increased campaign in Communist-occupied areas of Greece. The reports also say that the Greek army is preparing to launch a major offensive against the guerrillas.—Associated Press.

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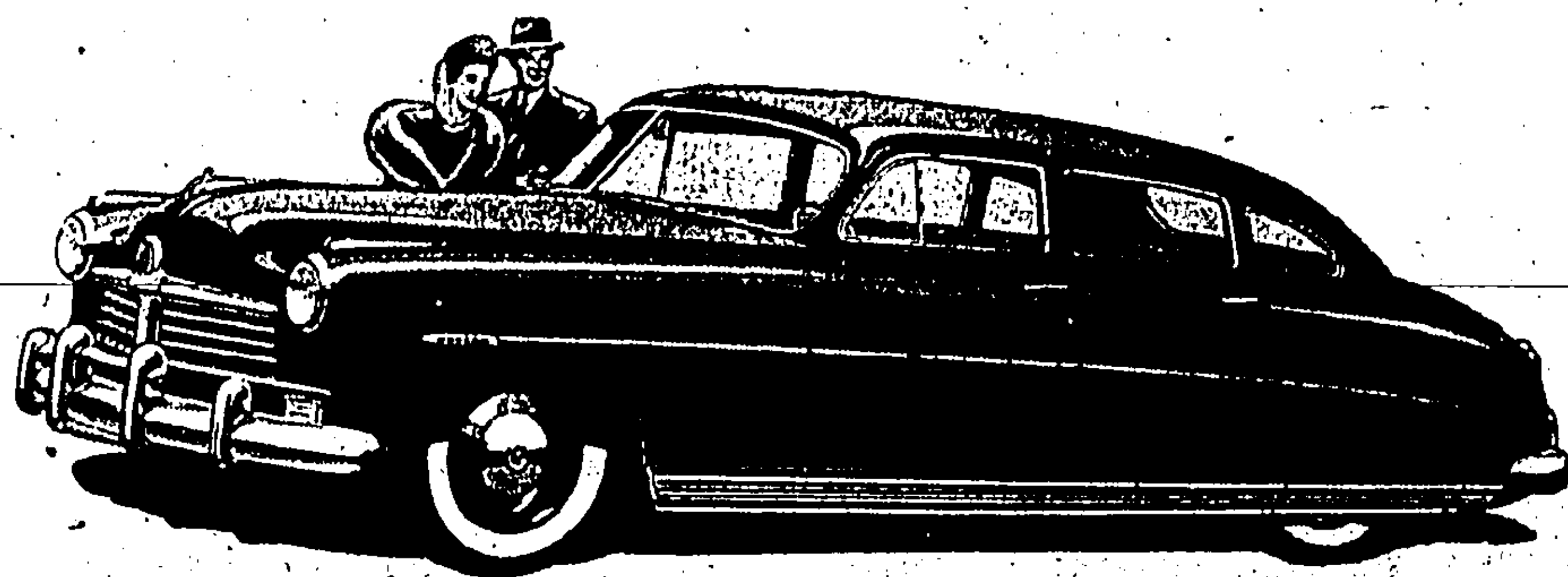
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Fruit Flummery

1 tablespoon flour, 8oz. sugar, ½ pint water, 1 tablespoon gelatine, ½ cup hot water, ½ cup orange juice, 2-3 cup passionfruit pulp, 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Dissolve the gelatine in the hot water. Blend the flour with a little of the cold water. Place the remainder of the cold water and sugar in the saucepan and bring to the boil. Pour on to the blended flour, return to the saucepan and stir over the fire for five minutes. Cool slightly and add to the dissolved gelatine. Add the orange and lemon juice. Turn into a basin and allow to stand until it begins to thicken. Beat until very thick and foamy. Add the passionfruit pulp and pile into a glass dish.

Apricot Souffle

1 cup apricot puree, ½ pint apricot juice, 2 eggs, ½ pint milk, 4oz. sugar, ½oz. gelatine.

Prepare a souffle mould by tying a folded band of paper around the outside so that the paper is about three inches above the top. Separate the whites from the yolks of eggs. Beat the yolks and add the milk. Place in the top of a double saucepan and stir over boiling water until the mixture thickens. Stand aside to cool. When cool, add the apricot puree. Place the apricot juice and sugar into a saucepan. Set over a low heat and stir until the sugar has

dissolved. Add the gelatine and stir until the gelatine has dissolved. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Fold lightly through the apricot custard. Add the cooled gelatine mixture and pour into souffle moulds and allow to set.

Pineapple And Ham
Surprises

12 slices bread, 6 slices cooked ham, 3 slices pineapple, shortening, mustard, 1 egg, 3 tablespoons milk, frying fat.

Split each slice of pineapple. Butter the bread and place one slice of ham on top of six pieces of bread. Spread with mustard. Place a slice of pineapple on top and top with a second slice of bread. Beat the egg. Add to it the milk and dip each sandwich into the egg and milk mixture. Dry fry in boiling fat, five minutes on each side.

Thousand Island
Dressing

1 quantity mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons chili sauce, 1 dessertspoon tomato ketchup, 1 dessertspoon vinegar, 1 dessertspoon each of chopped chives, green capicum and red pepper, ½ teaspoon paprika.

Make the mayonnaise and add all the ingredients gradually.

Sardine And Tomato
Jelly

2 cups tomato juice, a good ½oz. gelatine, 2 tablespoons cold water, 1 teaspoon sugar, juice 1 lemon, salt, pepper, 1 tin sardines.

Soak the gelatine in cold water. Heat the tomato juice. Add the soaked gelatine and stir until dissolved. Strain. Add the sugar, lemon juice, salt and pepper and the sardines freed from oil. Pour into a wetted shallow dish. Chill until firm. Cut into squares and serve on individual plates with lettuce, celery curls, radish roses and mayonnaise.

Individual Asparagus
Salads

1 lettuce, 4 hard-boiled eggs, 12 cooked asparagus tips, ¼ cup chopped celery, cheese, olives, mayonnaise

For each serving, arrange the lettuce leaves on a plate. Cut the eggs into lengthwise sections, and arrange in petal formation on the lettuce. Place the asparagus tips between sections of eggs. Pile the chopped celery in the centre and garnish with cheese cut into long strips. Decorate with olives and serve with mayonnaise.

Mayonnaise

1 egg yolk, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon mustard, 1 cup salad oil, ¼ teaspoon paprika, pinch of cayenne, 2 tablespoons lemon juice.

Place the egg yolk and seasonings into a basin and beat thoroughly. Add one tablespoon of the lemon juice and beat again. Beat in the oil gradually drop by drop. As the mixture thickens, add remainder of lemon juice. If the oil is added too rapidly the mayonnaise will separate. To remedy this, take a second egg yolk and gradually beat into it the curdled mixture. Keep the mayonnaise in a cool place.

1½lb. cooking apples, 8oz. castor sugar, 1 gill water, thinly pared and and juice ½ lemon, 3 egg whites.

Wash the apples and cut into pieces. Place in a saucepan. Add the water, sugar, lemon rind and juice. Simmer gently until tender. Rub through a sieve. Allow the puree to become quite cold. Beat the whites until stiff and fold through the mixture. Heap into a glass dish. If liked, the mixture may be divided, coloured in various shades and piled in alternate colours in a glass dish. Chill before serving.

Macaroni Cheese
Salad

4oz. macaroni, 4oz. cheese, mayonnaise, salt, lettuce, radishes.

Wash the macaroni. Drop into boiling salted water and boil until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain through a colander and allow to become cold. Grate the cheese finely and, when the macaroni is cold, roll it in the grated cheese. Wash and slice a few radishes. Line individual plates with lettuce leaves. Add mayonnaise to the cheese and macaroni to moisten and heap the mixture on to the lettuce leaves. Garnish with the sliced radishes.

A Grecian Goddess



A Grecian Goddess pays a visit—Anne Crawford wears an evening dress by Joy Ricardo of breath-taking beauty, representing the ultimate perfection in classicism. The intricacy of the cutting and draping is only equalled by the effect of effortless grace it achieves. The gently sloping neckline, neither squared nor rounded, flows from the sleeves, the drapery is caught in the centre. The high neckline is lightly swathed and crosses over to release a fluid mass of softly falling gathers.

A Nursery Must

A suitable playpen should always be included in nursery equipment.

It ensures baby's safety when he begins to crawl and extend the area of his activities.

It must be introduced early—before baby has crawled around after you and had the "freedom of the floor"—or he will resent being restricted to it.

If he is put in it for his exercise from 6 months and onwards, he will soon come to regard it as his own little domain, will spend hours in it with his playthings, and later will learn to walk around it.

The best type of playpen is one with a floor raised a few inches from the ground. This is healthier, and baby can be outside even when grass or ground is damp.

WAR TALK

New York, 14. Talk of war between Russia and the United States has been dismissed by the United States State Department. General W. W. Rorer, Chairman of the War Relocation Authority, said:

BRITISH PLANES FOR IRAQ

Baghdad, Mar. 14. The Iraqi Army today received its first batch of warplanes from Britain.

War equipment and other essential materials to equip the Army on a modern scale would be arriving continuously from Britain from now on, it was understood reliably.

The Iraqi Government last summer placed orders for \$5,000,000 worth of war materials with British firms—Reuters.

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| M. V. MINDORO | " | 9th April |
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| S.S. "CAPE JUNCTION" | about early April |

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Tel. 31146.ITALIAN ELECTION:
CAMPAIGN SPECULATIONNo Real Clue Yet
To Outcome

Rome, Mar. 14.

A high percentage of voters at the polls on April 18 will mean victory for Signor de Gasperi and the other Moderate parties in the general elections, political observers here believe. No one, however, is sure how the middle class—generally estimated at about 10 million, out of Italy's 46 million inhabitants—will vote.

Generally speaking, Signor de Gasperi's radical social policy, severe taxation and de-fascist measures have hit the middle class most heavily. Apart from this, quite a substantial section of Italy's middle class is strongly anti-clerical in its policies and dislikes the present predominance of Signor de Gasperi's Christian Democrats.

On the other hand, the middle class is also the most influenced by the events in Czechoslovakia as well as by the practical reports of the tremendous help given and still being given to Italy today by the United States.

Weapon For Left

At a recent gathering of Communist leaders and their political associates, a general estimate of about 11,000,000 votes for the population is reported to have been accepted as probable.

There are in all something over 27,000,000 voters on the lists, although final returns may show a somewhat higher figure.

The Centre Right will therefore have to work hard to put a decisive majority over the Communist-dominated Popular Front if the latter's hopes are realised.

Fate, so far, is not being kind to Signor de Gasperi. The Mogadishu riots, with over 50 Italians killed, gave the Left a weapon for violent anti-British propaganda accompanied by the suggestion that Signor de Gasperi was too pro-British to be able to get any satisfaction. Recently there has been the affair of Monsignor Cipicco, unfrocked in an unusually strong denunciation published.

on the front page of the Vatican organ Osservatore Romano.

Attacks On Reds

Only time will show what was the extent of the alleged "falsifications and swindles" which the statement in Osservatore Romano gave as the reason for banning from holy orders the churchman who had held a confidential post in the Vatican's archives. The news was a gift to the anti-clericals.

Signor de Gasperi has made some lively attacks on the Communists in his speeches. "Unless Italy votes for democracy on April 18, that will be the last election for a long time" was one of his trenchant phrases.

Signor Togliatti, Italy's Communist leader, retorted: "It is necessary, at any time and at any cost, to get power into the hands of the popular masses in order to prevent it coming into the hands of those monopolists, capitalists and speculators who have already caused two world wars."—Reuter.

Trawler
Ashore
In Iceland

Reykjavik, Mar. 14. With her crew lashed to the mast, the 55-ton Hull trawler Epsilon was tonight still stranded on a rock off the west coast of Iceland, battered by a gale and swept by heavy seas.

The ship struck the submerged rock late last night. One man had been swept ashore. Efforts were still being made tonight to rescue the crew with rock lines from the shore, but it was feared that the only hope would be if the ship withstood the battering on the rock until the gale died. —Reuter.

Annam
Leaders And
Bao Dai

Paris, Mar. 14. The Annam Administrative Council today adopted a motion demanding the return of ex-Emperor Bao Dai to the throne. The Council claimed, according to an Agency France Presse despatch from Saigon, that Bao Dai should "resume his rights and prerogatives as Emperor in a constitutional monarchy."

The motion added it was their wish because the abdication in March, 1945, was "enforced." —Reuter.

Gasperi's
Attack
On Reds

Rome, Mar. 14.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi bitterly denounced Communism today and warned Italians to beware of losing their freedom to a dictatorship of men from another country.

Speaking in the Southern province of Catanzaro, the Christian Democratic Premier charged that the Communists are planning "illegal agitation" in Italy.

His speech was one of more than a score made by the leaders of various political parties throughout the Peninsula. Italy's 27,000,000 voters will elect their first Republican Parliament on April 18. The election will give an indication whether Italians look West to the United States or Eastward to Russia.

De Gasperi said it "is impossible to collaborate with the Italian Communist Party insofar as it is part of an international movement."

He told his countrymen. "You have already once lost freedom through an Italian dictatorship. Take care you do not tomorrow again lose it, and this time not by an Italian dictatorship but a dictatorship of men from another country." —Associated Press.

Yemen Capital Now
Under Siege

Cairo, Mar. 14.

Thirty-foot high mediaeval walls, buttressed by 150 watch-towers, which surround Sanaa, capital of The Yemen, are the only barriers left to its defences against the forces loyal to Emir Seif El Islam Ahmed, the claimant to the throne, according to the latest despatches reaching here today.

Armed tribesmen supporting Emir Ahmed, eldest son of the late ruler, Iman Yahya, were said to be besieging the capital and hammering the four cast iron gates leading into the city, where Abdullah El Wazir, established as ruler after the assassination of the 85-year-old Iman Yahya nearly a month ago, was holding out.

It was reported yesterday that Emir Ahmed's men had broken into the capital, but later reports did not confirm the capture.

Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, who has been following the situation in The Yemen closely, said the only reliable news so far was that Sanaa was being besieged.

The Egyptian Premier said two Egyptian planes sent to Sanaa yesterday to evacuate Egyptian citizens were unable to land in or near the capital owing to the fighting in progress there, and had returned to Jeddah.

He could not confirm a report that the planes were fired upon when approaching the capital. —Reuter.

Arms Store Raided
In Italy

London, Mar. 14.

The Italian armed police arrested two people when they raided an arms store in Savona, containing six heavy machine guns, 65 other automatic weapons, 400 hand grenades, and about 25,000 rounds of ammunition. Rome Radio reported today.

More arrests were made in Florence, when the police discovered a store of three machine guns, a few automatic weapons and three anti-aircraft shells, the Radio added. —Reuter.

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| "TREVILIAN" | Shanghai | 26th Apr. |
| "TREVAN" | Shanghai | 29th Apr. |
| "TREVISE" | U.K. and Continent via Straits | 15th June |

SAILINGS

| SHIP | TO | SAILING |
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| "TREVILIAN" | Shanghai | 17th Apr. |
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| "HEDDERKERK" | Europe, early May | |
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| Pacific Coast | 8th April | m.v. "MINDORO" |

| From | Date | Vessel |
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| Atlantic Coast | Early April | m.v. "ANDAMAN" |

| From | Date | Vessel |
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| Manila | 20th March | s.s. "ESCALANTE" |
| Atlantic Coast | 25th March | m.v. "DONA ANICETA" |

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BUSINESS LEADERS TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN RECOVERY

Paris, Mar. 14. A programme of action for European recovery, drawn up by business leaders and experts from 10 countries, was being submitted today by Mr. Arthur Guinness, President of the International Chamber of Commerce, to the 16-nation Conference on European recovery opening here tomorrow.

Togliatti Demands Victory

Rome, Mar. 14. The Communist boss, Palmiro Togliatti, today said the Marshall Plan sought to make Italy the base for an atomic war against Russia and demanded a Leftist victory in the April elections "to save peace."

Before a crowd of 90,000 people, Togliatti denounced the government for "police intimidation of voters." He urged followers: "Hold yourselves ready to make your protests heard in whatever manner necessary. The Marshall Plan means division of the world into two parts—West against Russia and Eastern Europe—and air bases from which the atomic bomb would be unleashed on Russian territory."

Both Togliatti and the Left Wing Socialist leader, Pietro Nenni, who spoke in Milan, said Italy needed and wanted American aid, but opposed the Marshall Plan for imposing the "political policy of America on our country."

Speaking to 60,000 people, Nenni said that the ERP was a "sister alternative for the United States Congress to allocation of big military funds."—United Press.

No Vote For Women

Geneva, Mar. 14. The Swiss people today rejected in a national referendum by over 470,000 votes to 260,000, a Bill providing for increased State control of sugar beet farming and more beet factories. The Bill was designed to increase sugar production, particularly in case of war. In another referendum submitted to the Western Canton of Neuchâtel, the voters rejected by 15,000 votes to 7,000 a proposal to give women a municipal vote. Zurich's cantonal assembly, however, rejected a vote on women in the referendum last November.—Reuter.

U.S. Coal Strike Fears

Washington, Mar. 14. Operators of soft coal mines (far scattered work stoppages on Monday stemming from John L. Lewis' letter to the United Mine Workers Union. "The operators doubt that a nationwide walkout will occur but point out that spontaneous strikes have mushroomed into work stoppages which are a serious problem," Lewis told miners on Friday that operators have "dishonoured and violated" their agreement providing workers welfare clauses and a retirement fund supported by a 10 per cent levy of all coal mined. Lewis insisted that the operators had violated the agreement by refusing to pay pensions from the \$30,000,000 fund collected by the levy. He is asking for a monthly pension for miners aged 60 who have worked for 30 years.—United Press.

Chinese Labour Unions Appeal To Truman

Shanghai, Mar. 15. The Shanghai General Labour Union, which claims a membership of over half a million workers, addressed an appeal yesterday to President Truman for immediate military and economic aid to the Chinese Government to enable it to carry its Communist suppression campaign to a successful conclusion. The appeal was transmitted through Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, American Ambassador.

Stating that the message represented the views of 520,000 workers in Shanghai, the Union pointed out that stabilisation of the Chinese situation would check the spread of Communism and prevent the outbreak of a third World War. The message referred to the fact that the recommendations of the subject matter by such acknowledged authorities as General Douglas MacArthur, General Wedemeyer and General Chenault, and called upon the United States authorities to take immediate action.—Reuter.

Profits Too Small

London, Mar. 14. British wholesalers, after considering the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, for a reduction of prices and profits, find their profits are "so small that the contribution they can make to a substantial reduction is almost negligible."

This is the conclusion of a memorandum submitted by the National Committee on Wholesale Distribution representing organisations covering food, textiles, apparel, footwear and other important commodities, to the Chancellor. Nevertheless, some sections made a slight offer of a reduction and "freezing" of profit margins.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold dropped yesterday and closed at \$336.50 a tael after opening at \$344. It was down to \$336.50 for a time but rallied slightly towards the close. U.S. dollars dropped slightly in the morning but recovered in the afternoon and closed at \$5.70 for notes \$5.82 for bank drafts and \$5.90 for T.T.

Piastres opened at \$12.35 a 100, dropped to \$12.30, went up to \$12.40 and closed at \$12.30. Chinese National Currency had a marketless day with rates quoted nominal at 13 cents for futures and 10 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000). Ticals made a further climb to \$27.70 a 100, and NEI Guilders were also firmer at \$31.30 a 100. Sterling appreciated slightly to \$18.05. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.53.

UNDERGROUND IN BOHEMIA

Washington, Mar. 14. Jural Slavik, former Czechoslovakian Ambassador, today predicted a "very strong underground movement" would be formed in his homeland to resist the new Communist-imposed Government.—Associated Press.

Fast Work On Underground

London, Mar. 14. Engineers working on the of the open air stretches of London's underground railway network erected a new steel bridge in 72 minutes last night.

Trains were running over the old bridge until midnight, when the electric current was cut off and the old structure swiftly demolished. The new bridge, weighing 400 tons and 82 feet long, was constructed on girders alongside the track. Early today eight men, using hand winches, hoisted it into position.—Reuter.

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Eire's Views On Franco

Paris, Mar. 14. Eire would not oppose Spain's admission to the Marshall Plan countries, Eire's Foreign Minister, Mr. Sean McBride, who is here for the 16-nation talks beginning tomorrow, told pressmen tonight.

His Government had no knowledge of any such proposal, and Eire herself would not initiate the move, he added. The Irish stand, he explained, was not to oppose Spanish participation since Eire enjoyed commercial relations with Spain.

Asked about his views on German observers attending the Marshall plan talks, he said: "I feel that German participation is desirable since her industry is essential for European recovery."—Reuter.

EXPLOSION ON CLYDEBANK

Glasgow, Mar. 15. Firemen early today were still fighting the blaze which broke out after an explosion on the 4, 220-ton British Railways cross-channel ferry, the *Prague*, in John Brown's Clydebank yard. Work on the *Prague* for reconditioning had almost been completed when the explosion occurred. One worker was hurt and several yards. He was buried about the hands and arms of several hours' flames swept from stem to stern.—Reuter.

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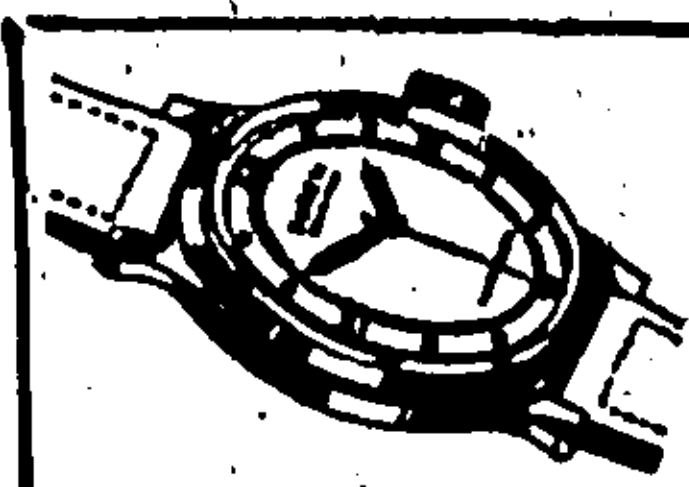
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Women Parade Against War

Rome, Mar. 14.
Chanting "Down with the Atom Bomb" and "Give Us Peace," 30,000 women paraded through the streets of Rome today in a mass demonstration against war.

The women, who came from many parts of the country, were representatives of national women's associations grouped together under the "Court of Peace."

Before the parade, the women heard anti-war speeches calling for total and universal disarmament and the scrapping of the atom bomb. The speakers included the scientist, Madame Irene Joliot-Curie, daughter of the famous Marie and Pierre Curie.

A special delegation of women presented the Italian President, Dr. Enrico Nicola, with a parchment dedicated to peace, carrying the signatures of 2,000,000 women.

The parade ended at the tomb of Italy's Unknown Warrior.—Reuter.

Conscription By Jews In Palestine

Jerusalem, Mar. 14.
A Jewish Agency spokesman confirmed today reports that Jews between the ages of 17 and 45 are being prevented from leaving Palestine, by force if necessary, regardless of nationality.

Airline offices report that "hundreds" of their passengers have been stopped by Hagana patrols on the way to the airport.

One company spokesman said seven of his passengers were taken from a bus at gunpoint and forced to return to Tel Aviv.

The Jewish Agency spokesman said Hagana has placed guards in a travel agency office to watch for Jews who try to book passage.

"We consider the Jews of Palestine are at war," he added. "No Jew with a good excuse could expect to be permitted to shrink his duty in wartime."—Associated Press.

A.O.C. LEAVES

The Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore S.N. Webster, CBE, AFC, left Kai Tak yesterday morning, by R.O.A.C. for Singapore, on a short visit to Headquarters, Air Command, Far East.

The Air Commodore, who was accompanied by Wing Commander J.W.C. Simpson, DFC, Squadron Leader R.W. Joary and Squadron Leader G.E.H. Walker, and Squadron Leader D.M. Gall, DFC, expects to return to the Colony next Monday.

New Soviet Offer To Britain

London, Mar. 14.
The Sunday Empire News reported today that Russia had offered Britain 2,000,000 additional tons of grain in exchange for industrial machinery.

It said the offer would be discussed when the Anglo-Soviet trade talks were resumed in a few weeks. Such a contract in addition to the existing agreement for 750,000 tons would be considered favourably by Britain, the article said.

Russia's "spectacular offer is the first sign that the world grain shortage, which has lasted since 1939, is ended," the newspaper said. In a three-column front-page article.

It said that if accepted, the offer would probably end bread rationing in Britain by September, bacon rationing within the year and an increase in supplies of eggs and poultry.

Every farmer in Britain would get additional feeding stuffs from the offer, it said. Payment would be made in various ways, including the sale of surplus grain, and the export of industrial machinery.

ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM

The following will represent St. Joseph's in their Second Division football game against Eastern v Club (Club, 5 p.m.): Ref: J. Ward; Lineup: A.M. Lee, A. Deacon.

Reducing Chamber To 300 Members

London, Mar. 14.
Political sources reported today a tentative inter-party agreement to trim the House of Lords to 300 members. That would throw more than 500 British aristocrats out of their inherited law-making jobs.

Most who would be cast out are those dubbed "back-woodsmen" because they seldom show to debate or vote on new laws.

Free Port For P.I.?

Manila, Mar. 15.
Presidential Secretary Emilio Abello today predicted the establishment of a free port area in the Philippines, with a provision for firms to establish assembly plants within a duty free area for transshipments to other countries of Asia.

President Roxas recently made similar reference to the establishment of such a port.

Abello, who returned last month from the International Trade Organization conference at Havana, said the freedom of transit proviso recently agreed upon at the ITO meeting, provides that each nation may require all incoming goods to be entered through its customs for transshipment to other countries.

Gulian, former United States Navy base on the Island of Samar, has been suggested as an ideal site for such a port.—Associated Press.

RED SCARE IN AUSTRALIA

Canberra, Mar. 15.
Sir Percy Gillies, a director at the British War Office, has been conferring here with Australian ministers.

No official statement has been issued but it is expected that as a result of the talks, the Commonwealth Security Bureau will be reorganised and a special branch set up to watch Communists. A group of Government back-benchers on Friday said that they had asked the Government to investigate the opposition allegations that the Soviet Legation here was the centre of Australian Communist activities.—Reuter.

Unfounded Allegations

An unlicensed female hawk who was so vociferous when she appeared before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's last month, charged with hawking without license and obstruction, was "repentant" when she came up again yesterday.

This time, charged with effecting a public mischief, Wong Chun of No. 4, Wah Ning Lane, ground floor, was bound over in \$250 for 12 months.

Inspector H. Moran said he was not pressing the matter. The case was only brought to warn the public not to make unfounded allegations.

Military Aid For Europe?

Washington, Mar. 14.
The American Government's first major move to check Russia since the fall of Czechoslovakia is expected this week. It may be a promise of military support for the Western bloc of Europe.

The idea of a direct warning from President Truman to General Stalin that further Communist expansion means a clash with American power, is believed to have been considered in Washington, but some of the President's diplomatic advisers at just believe that the time has passed for words to stop Russia and the time for action is here.

State Department officials who strongly hold this view are highly pleased with the Senate passage of the European recovery program. They emphasised that there now remains ample time for the House of Representatives to act on the measure well in advance of Europe's next critical date—the April 18 Italian elections.—Associated Press.

CHINESE GOWNS A HIT

London, Mar. 13.
Pictorial journals in London yesterday morning presented proof of the popularity in Britain of the beauty of oriental craftsmanship.

"Carissima," a new musical play, had its first night on Thursday with the "new look" being hotly debated and the fair sex attending, made the event a fashion display.

Of the four creations which most impressed press photographers two were embroidered Chinese Mandarin gowns, one was a Japanese ceremonial cloth, these being made into evening gowns, while only one was an evening dress in the latest western fashion.

Readers' Letters

Chiang Point Light
Sir, — My attention had been drawn to the 29th of February 1948, issue of the China Mail in which you comment editorially on the wreck of the S.S. Kien Hsing off Chiang Point Light. Having been a passenger on the S.S. Kien Hsing, I am writing to you to establish the Chiang Point Light Station after the war.

For your information I enclose a copy of Notice to Mariners No. 1204 issued over the signature of the Marine Commissioner at Shanghai notifying the re-establishment of the Light Station at Chiang Point early in January, 1948. It is to be noted that the S.S. Kien Hsing was wrecked on a foggy day 42 miles away from the Light and for your further information I would mention that these Notices to Mariners are sent to all Shipping Companies interested in the navigation of Chinese waters, as well as to the principal Maritime Nations of the world. Furthermore, these Notices are to be found posted at every Maritime Customs House in China.

It may interest you also to know that the Chinese Customs House at Shanghai is having a stand by the wreck of the S.S. Kien Hsing and as having rendered such material assistance was the Chinese Maritime Customs Preventive Ship Hung Hsing, which was in the area at the time of the wreck.

G. N. GAWLER
Commissioner of Customs
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Notice To Mariners

No. 1204
Notice is hereby given that on or about the 15th January 1948, and without further notice, a flag and lights will be exhibited at Chiang Point Light Station at 115° 34' 10" E. Longitude and 22° 30' 00" N. Latitude.

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Better Part Of Valour

London, Mar. 14.
An unsympathetic crowd prevented Harry Pollitt, British Communist Party Secretary, from completing an address in Aylesbury Town Hall today by singing "There'll Always Be an England."

The crowd waited outside the hall for him nearly an hour, but Pollitt slipped out of a side door and left unnoticed.—United Press.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT OPENS

The Open Tennis Singles championship started yesterday when five games were decided, all of which were won in straight sets.

The most keenly contested game was that between T. E. Baker and J. L. Wright. In the first set Wright fully extended Baker before the latter won the set at 7-5. Baker won the next set comfortably.

Youthful George Lin Jr. was outplayed by his more experienced opponent and lost 6-0 and 6-2.

The following were yesterday's results:—
F. H. Kwok beat Sing Tao-chau 6-0, 6-3.
Ping Ol-lam beat G. Lin Jr., 6-0, 6-2.
Au Kam-moon beat J. E. Nicholl 6-1, 6-1.
F. H. Kwok beat J. L. Wright 7-5, 6-2.
Ping Ol-lam beat Robert Tay 6-1, 6-1.

Today's Games

Choy Tin-fook v F. T. Hsu (Umpire Mr. M. Pagh).
F. A. Fisher v Choy Tin-wah (Umpire Mr. J. K. Willson).
N. Lo v B. T. M. Jones (Umpire Mr. R. H. Allen).
G. Lemay v K. M. Gets (Umpire S. D. Begg).
D. Lo v S. R. Rumjahn (Umpire Mr. G. W. Sewell).

C.R.C. Tennis Tournament

The annual tennis tournament of the Chinese Recreation Club is almost completed having started at the beginning of the month. Following are the results to date:

JUNIOR SINGLES
Chang Ning-long beat Poon Pailien 6-1, 6-3.
Chan Wah-kuen beat Leung Sui-seng 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
HANDICAP SINGLES
Lee Wal-long beat Kwok Bing-chung 6-1, 6-3.
Kip Koon-hung beat Kwok Hing-chung 6-1, 6-4.
Kwok Hing-tum beat Ma Siu-hong 6-4, 6-3.
Ma Siu-liang beat Wong Bing-fun 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Tsoy Tin-wah beat Luk Ding-cheung 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Wong Sui-sue beat Au Kam-moon 6-2, 6-2.
HANDICAP DOUBLES
K. M. Au and W. L. Pan beat Y. H. Leung and Z. M. Chan, 6-2, 6-0.
Paddy Wong and C. Z. Ma beat P. Y. Lwok and B. C. Kwok 6-4, 6-3.
Ciro Kotewall and K. S. Wong beat Y. L. Hui and Bates Hui, 7-5, 1-6, 6-7.

Aintree Revives Pre-War Custom

Liverpool, Mar. 14.
"Jump Sunday" at Aintree, scene of next Saturday's Grand National, was revived today after a lapse of eight years, and the attendance broke all records as thousands of people arrived to walk over the course and inspect the famous Grand National fences.

In glorious weather, they picked up the canals and approached the course from early afternoon until the entrances were closed at 5.00 p.m. Hundreds of buses brought the people from a wide area, special transport was put on by the Liverpool Corporation and electric trains arrived packed.

The Lancashire County police, mounted on the course with "walkie-talkie" equipment, kept the peace, but one of the horses, a grey, was killed by a fence.

SOCCER DRAW

At Anfield, Mar. 14.
England and Belgium drew their international at the Anfield Football Club ground, Liverpool, today.

England's goalkeeper, Alf Smith, was the hero of the match, saving three goals.

THE PENNANT RACE Leaders Enjoying A Slim Lead

(By "Grandstand")
With the end of the chase after the Molthen, "China Mail" and Ernie Heather Shields, only a few weeks away, the pennant chasers are still bunched up.

In the Men's senior and the Ladies circuits, the Saints and Wahos enjoy a slim half-game lead, while the junior loop Dare-devils faltered in the home-stretch last week when they were toppled by the lowly Josephians.

The Braves now have a slight edge over the Dare-devils. These outfits clash this week.

The Senior League Saints have three games left, two with the Police and one against the Filippinos, who have actually humbled the Saints once before. Although the Wahos eliminated the Aces last week, they still have to meet the Wildcats who are right on their heels. The eventual junior champions is still anybody's guess, but the Braves, Dare-devils, Rexes and Jaguars will be in at the final scramble.

In the minor loop, the Braves staged a last inning rally to overwhelm Cicero Rozario's Jaguars 8-4 in a thrilling encounter highlighted by tight fielding on both sides.

Deadly Pitching

Billy Soares' Homunlin Warriors chalked up a couple of runs in the initial canto on a pair of safeties but lost the lead when the Jaguars fought right back in the next frame with a four run blitz. Neither side could score up to the end of the sixth as Brave hurler Vic Pedruco and Jaguar slinger Bruno Barradas pitched deadly ball. Barradas had a scare in the fifth when the base-paths were crowded, but he pitched himself out of the hole as Lionel Sequeira froze a towering fly for the third out. The Braves came up for their last turn at bat trailing 4-2, and Chappy Remedios started the uprising when he cracked out a single followed by another safety off Osmund's mace. Carl Yvanovich smacked out a sizzler and Remedios slugged the lead with a sacrifice bunt saw Osmund scamper home with the tying run and there was joy in the Braves' camp.

Big Gun

At this crucial stage the master-minds Billy Soares and Cicero Rozario really went to work. Rozario ordered Barradas to load the gun in a try for a twin-killing to stamp out the fire, but Brave mentor Billy Soares took out his pitcher Vic Pedruco and played for a "squeeze" which worked successfully as Yvanovich slung home in a clutch of runs, a close play. With the spark of victory revived the Braves went out on a rampage and pushed over three more clinching tallies.

Vic Pedruco for the victorious Braves limited the Jaguars to six hits in as many innings, while Chappy Remedios relieved him in the seventh was miked for one blow. Chappy was the big gun of the day with two rapping slugs in three attempts with the willow. Bruno Barradas pitched a good game for five frames, but weakened in the sixth. By virtue of this victory, the Braves are now right on the heels of the league leading Dare-devils in the race for the Ernie Heather Shield.

Wildfires Unlucky

The wildfires were unlucky to knuckle under to the United Nations by a 9-8 nose-out, and this after the losers had the lead right from the start on a five-hit seven-run attack in the second frame. The Unations gradually

The Week's Soccer

The following is this week's soccer programme:—

TODAY
SECOND DIVISION
St. Joseph's v W.D. Chinese (H. Valley, 5 p.m.); Ref: F.A. Barretto.

THURSDAY
FIRST DIVISION
Eastern v Club (Club, 5 p.m.); Ref: J. Ward; Lineup: A.M. Lee, A. Deacon.

SATURDAY
FIRST DIVISION
Kwong Wah v R.A.F. (Police, 3 p.m.); Ref: J.G. Padley; Lineup: A.M. Lee, P.P. Li, K.M. Bus v 25th R.A. (Police, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: C. Tunstall; Lineup: P.M. Xavier, N. Delgado, K. Chae v Navy (Navy, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: J.F. de Silva; Lineup: W. Crawford, Y.T. Leung.

Buff v Chinese A.A. (Bookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: F.H. Bullock; Lineup: A. Ribeiro/Lah, St. Joseph's v Police (Club, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: A.F. Wilks; Lineup: J. Day/A. Lark.

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SECOND DIVISION
Taihook v H.O.L.F. (H. Valley, 3 p.m.); Ref: L. Harris, 3.40 p.m.); Ref: A. Guest.
Police v South China (C. Hill, 3 p.m.); Ref: C. Redman.
Dockyard v Navy (Navy, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: Y.T. Leung.
W.D. Chinese v K. Chae (Bookunpoo, 3 p.m.); Ref: Mithun, 4.30 p.m.); Ref: A. Deacon.
Sing Tao v R.E.M.E. (Club, 3 p.m.); Ref: J. Day.

SUNDAY SHIELD FINALS

(Duration of games 90 minutes.)
Junior: South China "A" v Navy (Club, 2.15 p.m.); Ref: W. Gurney; Lineup: A. Farmer/A. Ribeiro.

JAVA TOURISTS' LAST MATCH

The Java Chinese football team play their last game in the Colony today when they meet a Non-Chinese team from the Association at 5 p.m. at Caroline Hill.

The Association team will be represented by the same players who played in the Governor's Cup on Sunday, but it is expected that Klerman and Parvhi will be included.

TUESDAY, MAR. 23

FIRST DIVISION
South China v Sing Tao (C. Hill, 4 p.m.); Ref: A. Bregan; Lineup: A. Farmer/A. Ribeiro.

THURSDAY, MAR. 25
FIRST DIVISION
Sing Tao v Navy (Club, 4 p.m.); Ref: J. Ward; Lineup: N. Delgado/F.A. Barretto.

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